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LADY FRANCES BERKELEY FOCUS OF 2014 HISTORIC GREEN SPRING FALL EVENTS

Library “Conversation” and Annual Tour of site scheduled for Sept. 20 and 27

Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 8, 2014—Two fall events sponsored by The Friends of Green Spring will feature appearances by Lady Frances Culpepper Berkeley, wife of Governor Sir William Berkeley and mistress of Historic Green Spring.

Lady Frances (portrayed by actor and historic interpreter Susan Zickel) will hold court for an afternoon of conversation and entertainment at the Williamsburg Regional Library from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sat., Sept. 20.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, she will be joined by Governor Berkeley (played by Joe Dellinger) as they host the 2014 Annual Tour of the Historic Green Spring site from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This popular event features walking tours of the site, family activities including children’s games, dancers, exhibits and refreshments. The Annual Tour is the only time the site is open to the public. Additionally, the National Park Service has issued its new Green Spring National Park Passport Stamp, which is only available on site during the Annual Tour.

Green Spring Plantation with its splendid Manor House was not only home to Virginia’s most influential colonial governor, it was also the center of “A-list” social life for the elite residents of the colony in the latter part of the 17th century. For more than 20 years, Lady Frances reigned over the elaborate parties and gatherings that occurred with great regularity throughout the year.

Much more than a party hostess, she was a major political power player, staunch defender of her husband and wife of two other colonial governors. She’s been called the most significant woman of colonial Virginia with the possible exception of Pocahontas.

Today, the Historic Green Spring site on Centerville Road is part of the Colonial National Historic Park of the U.S. National Park Service. The events are sponsored by The Friends of Green Spring, a local non-profit group dedicated to increasing awareness of Historic Green Spring through various educational activities.

Both events are free and open to the public. Those attending the Annual Tour are asked to park at Jamestown High School and take the free shuttle bus to the site. A shuttle bus will also be running from Historic Jamestowne. ***There is no onsite parking.*** For more information, go to www.historicgreenspring.com.

